

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In light of the above amendment and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-20 have been allowed and claims 7, 14 and 21 have been rejected. In this response, the specification has been amended. No new subject matter has been added as a result of this amendment.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-20.

II. THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

In numbered paragraph 1 of the Office Action, claims 7, 14 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Office Action asserts that the meaning and scope of the term, "N" has not been provided in the disclosure. The rejections are traversed for at least the following reasons.

It is well known that a unit of measurement for force is "newtons," which is abbreviated as "N." Therefore, as used throughout the specification and in the claims, "N" is used as a unit of measure for force. To further clarify that "N" is an abbreviation for newtons, page 14, line 9 of the instant specification has been amended as follows, "the cut resistance D, that is, force (measured in newtons, "N") required to cut the portion 12a along the easy-to-cut portion 14, is preferably in the range of the following formula (1) and more preferably in the range of the following formula (2)."

Consequently, since claims 7, 14 and 21 are enabled by the specification, Applicants

respectfully request that the rejections under § 112 be withdrawn.

Statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the Applicants' undersigned attorney and, in the event that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

CONCLUSION

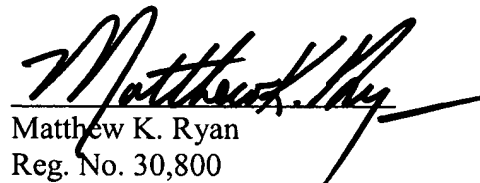
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and an early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Please charge any fees incurred by reason of this response and not paid herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP
Attorneys for Applicants

By:


Matthew K. Ryan
Reg. No. 30,800
(212) 588-0800